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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, it is awesome to realize that we have been called to be Your servants, elected to be Your friends, chosen to be Your leaders of this Nation. Grant the women and men of this Senate three liberating assurances today: that You are present in this Chamber, that they are accountable to You for the progress of this day, and that each one is called to be an enterprising instigator of cooperation and creative compromise. Father, You know all the issues of the complicated legislation before the Senate at this time. Resolve differences, create a greater spirit of unity, and motivate oneness in seeking what is really best for our Nation. Before we turn to the challenges of the day, we return to You to be reminded of why we are here and to be renewed by Your strength. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, thank you.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will resume consideration of the Coverdell drug amendment pending to the tobacco legislation. As a reminder to all Members, under a previous order, a cloture vote on the tobacco committee substitute will occur at 2:15 p.m. today. Members have until 12:30 p.m. in order to file second-degree amendments. And with respect to the second cloture motion which was filed, all Members have

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It is hoped that a vote could occur on the Coverdell drug amendment prior to the cloture vote today. Therefore, roll-call votes can be expected this morning prior to the recess for the party caucuses to meet. If the first cloture motion is not invoked—and I expect it will not be—I will be consulting with the minority leader for the timing with regard to the second cloture vote, which would occur some time on Wednesday. It could occur on Wednesday morning, but it will depend on other developments in the interim. Also during today's session, the Senate may consider any legislative or executive items cleared for action.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 to allow for the weekly party caucuses to meet.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 3433

Mr. LOTT. I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUTCHINSON). The clerk will report the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3433) to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to work, to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to make additional miscellaneous amendments relating to Social Security.

Mr. LOTT. I object to further proceedings on this matter at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar under rule XIV.

Mr. KENNEDY addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

If the Senator would permit us to execute the order.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL TOBACCO POLICY AND YOUTH SMOKING REDUCTION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report S. 1415.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1415) to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Gregg/Leahy amendment No. 2433 (to amendment No. 2420), to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers.

Gregg/Leahy amendment No. 2434 (to amendment No. 2433), in the nature of a substitute.

Gramm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back forthwith, with amendment No. 2436, to modify the provisions relating to civil liability for tobacco manufacturers, and to eliminate the marriage penalty reflected in the standard deduction and to ensure the earned income credit takes into account the elimination of such penalty.

Daschle (for Durbin) amendment No. 2437 (to amendment No. 2436), relating to reductions in underage tobacco usage.

Lott (for Coverdell) modified amendment No. 2451 (to amendment No. 2437), to stop illegal drugs from entering the United States, to provide additional resources to combat illegal drugs, and to establish disincentives for teenagers to use illegal drugs.

Mr. COVERDELL addressed the Chair.

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